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## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 6, 1995, at 12 noon.

## Senate

MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 1995

(Legislative day of Monday, July 10, 1995)

The Senate met at 9 a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray:

Almighty God, You have blessed this Nation so bountifully. You have lavished Your love in natural resources and expressed Your providential care in the creation of a nation where we believe all are created equal and given the rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Today, we regretfully acknowledge that Your glorious intention for this Nation is debilitated for many who are caught in the syndrome of poverty, disadvantage, and disability. In Your Word You consistently call those who believe in You to reach out to the poor and those who suffer. But Lord, You know there is sharp division on how to implement Your admonition.

As this Senate considers welfare reform measures, we ask for Your wisdom to discern how best to care for those in need. Help us to listen for the echo of Your truth as Senators speak from the several different approaches to the role of government in welfare programs. May what is done be more than a hand out, but a hand up to lift people from the vicious cycle of poverty or a life of habitual dependence on government. Show us the most creative balance of responsibility between the Federal Government and the States.

Lord, we believe there is a workable solution for the future, and that during the hours of discussion and debate, You will guide the Senators to a way to unite in creative legislation. To this end we commit our work this week. Amen.

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

### MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. THOMAS). Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 10:30 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for not to exceed 5 minutes each.

The Senator from Tennessee [Mr. Frist] is recognized to speak for up to 60 minutes.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, this morning, the leader time has been reserved and there will be a period for morning business until the hour of 10:30. At 10:30, the Senate will resume consideration of the welfare bill.

The majority leader has stated that rollcall votes can be expected during today's session but will not occur prior to the hour of 4:30 this afternoon. All

Senators should be aware that the cloture vote on the Department of Defense authorization bill has been postponed to a later time to be determined by the majority leader, if that vote is necessary.

It is the hope of Senator DOLE to complete action on the Department of Defense authorization during today's session, as well as to make progress on the welfare bill.

### PRESERVE MEDICARE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, over the next hour, a number of Senators will be presenting a very simple message. That message is that we, together, must work to save Medicare for the current generation, to strengthen it for all future generations, and to simplify it for everyone to make it easier to use and easier to understand.

I now turn to the Senator from New Mexico to make an opening statement on our efforts to preserve Medicare.

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, this morning I want to continue our Medicare discussion with the American people.

For 30 years, Medicare has provided health protection to the elderly and disabled citizens. Medicare has been a successful program. It has provided an important source of health security and needed benefits to millions of Americans since its inception 30 years ago. Today, 37 million Americans receive the benefits and health security that Medicare provides.

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